

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th April 2021.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Bor Cllr: Pat Moore, County Cllr: Kevin Bentley and 2 members of the public

42.21 Apologies for absence: Cllr Margaret Lawford

43.21 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2021: Cllr David Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Emma Green seconded and all agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the chairman.

44.21 Declarations of Interest: None.

45.21 Public Session: Overgrown hedges along East Road were mentioned and will be looked into but unless there is a safety issue the season for trimming hedges is now over owing to nesting birds.

46.21 County Cllr report: Covid infection rate in Essex is still falling dramatically and the vaccination programme is still on course. ECC has been preparing for businesses to reopen on 12th April. In answer to a resident's enquiry the application for speed assessment strips to be installed along East Road was submitted some time ago which are to monitor if the installation of a VAS is deemed appropriate. ECC receive many requests for this and is quite costly so it can take time.

47.21 Borough Cllr report: Refuse sacks/bags will be delivered shortly which will include a new blue bag for textiles. Consultation is ongoing with regard to a link road and garden community in Tendring.

48.21 Village Party: Following a hard year for everyone owing to the pandemic an outside village party is being considered for this summer with various options on date and venue being looked into. Leaflets will be distributed to all properties when all is decided.

49.21 May 2021 Meeting: Following government directive this will go ahead in the village hall and will begin with the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm, followed by the normal parish council meeting at 7.30pm on 13th May.

50.21 Caravan Parks: CBC Licensing Committee meeting was attended by a parish council representative and it was agreed at that meeting to set up a Caravans Forum with the aim of forming a Caravans Policy. Meetings will take place quarterly and all stakeholders will be invited to attend and be involved, CBC Officers, parish and town council representatives, caravan park managers/representatives who have already been approached, in a bid to work together for harmony across the whole island.

51.21 Planning Applications:

210617 Proposal: Oak framed rear porch to existing rear extension. New single car shelter. Replace existing large double garage with a cart lodge-style garage/small workshop at The Moorings, East Road.

210445 Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and construction of menage at Reeves Barn, Meeting Lane.

Planning Decisions:

201161 Proposal: Oak framed mansard at 2 The Anchorage, East Road – **Approve conditional**

52.21 Schedule of payments:

08/04/21	450	EALC & NALC subscription	93.31
08/04/21	451	April salary	364.00
08/04/21	452	Office expenses and noticeboard fitting	100.00
Total			£557.31

53.21 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks – Forum update

Village Party

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th May 2021 at East Mersea Village Hall and will commence at 7pm with the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the May Parish Council meeting.

Signed _____ Thursday 13th May 2021